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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

September 2, 1953

My dear Mr. Guthe:

[redacted] representing your Agency, has come to see me and has inquired concerning the fact that the Department of State is making available to Mr. Adlerman, representing the Subcommittee on Metals, Materials and Fuels of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, certain classified information concerning the International Materials Conference. The files which are being shown to Mr. Adlerman include material classified up to and including secret. Certain material is being removed from the files, but a notation is being left in the files that it has been removed. The understanding is that the investigator may request an opportunity to look at this material, and any decision in response to such a request will be made by someone at the Assistant Secretary level in the Department of State.

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I have told [redacted] that to the best of my knowledge the files now being shown to Mr. Adlerman contain no documents originating in the CIA. In connection with any further files which will be shown by me to Mr. Adlerman, care will be taken to see to it that any such material identified with CIA will be removed. If Mr. Adlerman requests an opportunity to look at any such material which is removed, my recommendation to my Assistant Secretary will be that Mr. Adlerman not be allowed to see it. I shall supplement this recommendation with a further one to the effect that, if Mr. Adlerman is to be allowed to see it, this be done only with the consent of the CIA, in accordance with generally accepted security practice.

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As a matter of fact, the files in question probably contain little, if any, material identified as originating in the CIA.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Otto E. Guthe,
Assistant Director,
Research and Reports,
Central Intelligence
Agency

(Signed)
Willis C. Armstrong
Acting Director, Office of
International Materials Policy